



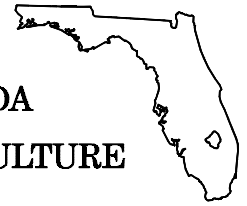
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TROPICAL FRUIT

PRODUCTION AND VALUE

FLORIDA AGRICULTURE



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AVOCADO PRODUCTION AND VALUE

FLORIDA: Production of avocados surpassed the one million bushel level for the first time since the pre-hurricane Andrew 1991-92 season. The 1,005,000 bushels of certified shipments was 19 percent more than the previous seasons' 843,000 bushels. Production has increased steadily as trees planted since the storm are producing more fruit. Bearing acreage is estimated at 6,000 acres.

Although average prices received by growers for fruit delivered to the packing house declined 22 percent, total value is

down only 8 percent. Growers have been changing to more desirable varieties and this trend is continuing.

OTHER STATES: California's production returned to above the 6 million bushel level after being only 5,440,000 bushels the previous season. Prices declined from high levels but total value of production reached almost \$360 million, the highest in several seasons. Production in Hawaii also increased to the highest level in several seasons with higher prices and total value.

FLORIDA AVOCADOS: Bearing acreage, production, utilization, season average price, and value of production at packing house door for crop years 1991-92 through 2000-01

Season	Bearing acreage	Total production	Certified shipments	Local fresh use	Processing	Price per bushel	Value of production
	Acres		Bushels			Dollars	
1991-92	8,600	1,132,000	1,111,000	21,000	--	11.90	13,471,000
1992-93	8,400	288,000	284,000	4,000	--	14.60	4,198,000
1993-94	5,800	176,000	175,000	1,000	--	20.50	3,608,000
1994-95	5,700	800,000	779,000	21,000	--	15.40	12,320,000
1995-96	5,800	760,000	744,000	16,000	--	14.90	11,324,000
1996-97	5,700	940,000	918,000	22,000	--	13.20	12,408,000
1997-98	5,900	960,000	938,000	22,000	--	14.60	14,016,000
1998-99	6,000	920,000	891,000	29,000	--	17.90	16,468,000
1999-00	5,900	880,000	843,000	37,000	--	18.70	16,456,000
2000-01	6,000	1,040,000	1,005,000	35,000	--	14.60	15,184,000

OTHER STATES' AVOCADOS: Bearing acreage, production, season average price, and value of production at packing house door for selected years.

Season	Bearing acreage	Total production	Fresh shipments	Processing	Price per bushel	Value of production
	Acres		Bushels 1/		Dollars	
CALIFORNIA						
1995-96	59,900	6,840,000	6,780,000	60,000	34.00	233,136,000
1996-97	59,900	6,680,000	6,600,000	80,000	39.00	260,162,000
1997-98	59,900	6,160,000	6,100,000	60,000	42.75	263,473,000
1998-99	59,400	5,440,000	5,440,000	--	60.00	327,002,000
1999-00	59,000	6,440,000	6,440,000	--	55.75	358,900,000
HAWAII						
1995-96	210	10,000	10,000	--	27.25	273,000
1996-97	200	8,000	8,000	--	26.75	214,000
1997-98	250	10,000	10,000	--	26.50	265,000
1998-99	240	10,000	10,000	--	26.00	260,000
1999-00	230	12,000	12,000	--	30.00	360,000

1/ Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.

MANGO PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Production and value of the mango crop is unavailable. Commercial shipments are very limited. Some mangoes are sold in specialty markets and as green fruit for processing. Total

acreage has remained at 1,700 acres with not many trees planted in the last few years.

FLORIDA MANGOES: Acreage, production, season average price, and value of production at packing house door for crop years 1995 through 2000

Crop year	Acreage			Bearing trees	Production and value		
	Total	(4 years) Non-bearing	Bearing		Bushels ^{1/}	Price	Total value
	Acres			1,000 trees	1,000 bushels	Dollars	1,000 dollars
1995	1,800	300	1,500	142	150	11.50	1,725
1996	1,800	300	1,500	144	100	15.00	1,500
1997	1,700	300	1,400	142	100	14.50	1,450
1998	NA	NA	1,400	139	NA	NA	NA
1999	NA	NA	1,400	142	NA	NA	NA
2000	1,700	0	1,700	165	NA	NA	NA

^{1/} 55 pounds

LEMON PRODUCTION AND ON-TREE VALUE

Lemon production increased to 265,000 boxes, over 50 percent more than the previous season. Prices for fresh fruit were higher than the previous season and most lemon crops were

harvested. "True" lemon varieties are primarily shipped fresh, with some processed. All of the Meyer lemons are processed.

FLORIDA LEMONS: Bearing acreage, production, season average on-tree prices and value for crop years 1995 through 2000

Season	True lemons			Meyer lemons			All lemons			
	Bearing acres	Production	Price per box	Bearing acres	Production	Price per box	Bearing acres	Production	Price per box	Value of production
		1,000 boxes	Dollars		1,000 boxes	Dollars		1,000 boxes	Dollars	1,000 dollars
1995	600	130	NA	100	35	NA	700	165	8.25	1,361
1996	700	170	NA	100	25	NA	800	195	10.30	2,006
1997	800	80	NA	100	40	NA	900	120	7.00	839
1998	900	155	NA	100	80	NA	1,000	235	6.45	1,516
1999	950	140	NA	100	30	NA	1,050	170	1.20	201
2000	900	240	NA	100	25	NA	1,000	265	3.50	921

LIME PRODUCTION

Lime production for the just completed 2000-01 season is less than half of the previous season. Bearing acreage is less than

half of the previous season. An estimated 290,000 trees have been lost to citrus canker.

FLORIDA LIMES: Utilization in bushels, 1995-96 through 2000-01 season

Season	Fresh use			Sold for processing	Total production
	Certified shipments	Local sales	Total fresh		
	Bushels				
1995-96	371,400	12,600	384,000	96,000	480,000
1996-97	398,300	9,700	408,000	104,000	512,000
1997-98	510,400	17,600	528,000	176,000	704,000
1998-99	645,400	10,600	656,000	144,000	800,000
1999-00	774,200	25,800	800,000	160,000	960,000
2000-01	344,000	8,000	352,000	48,000	400,000